



Date: August 3, 2011

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
From: Rhonda B. Parker, Director, Parks and Recreation
Subject: Acceptance of Grant from the Carolina Panthers Charities

Executive Summary

The Carolina Panthers Charities has awarded Durham Parks and Recreation (DPR) a grant of \$2,195.00. The grant award is the continuation of a Challenger Flag Football League in Durham. This league was established in 2010 with funding from the Carolina Panthers Charities. There is no match required for the acceptance of this grant. The Durham Challenger Flag Football program will serve approximately 35 athletes with disabilities.

Recommendation

The Administration recommends that the City Council adopt the City of Durham 2011 Carolina Panthers Charities grant project ordinance in the amount of \$2,195.00.

Background

In June of 2011, Durham Parks and Recreation submitted an application to the Carolina Panthers Charities for funding to continue an athletic program for persons with disabilities established in 2010. The funding will be used to continue offering a Challenger Flag Football League in Durham. The Carolina Panthers have played a significant role advocating for the development of flag football programs for persons with disabilities. DPR offers a four (4) team league, with 8-10 players per team. The program takes place at the Old Chapel Hill Road Park. The grant award of \$2,195.00 will be used for equipment and supplies, game officials and program promotion.

Issues/Analysis

This opportunity will enhance DPR's services to those athletes in our community who may not otherwise be able to learn and participate in the sport of flag football. The grant funding will cover all expenditures required for the program to be offered.

Alternatives

The City Council could choose not to adopt the proposed grant project ordinance; DPR would not accept the grant from the Carolina Panthers Charities for the establishment of a Challenger Flag Football League in Durham.

Financial Impact

This grant does not require any matching funds. There is no known negative financial impact to receiving this grant.

Attachments:

Grant Project Ordinance for the 2011 Carolina Panthers Charities grant award
Grant Award letter